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East Brunswick School District
Spectator Code of Conduct

Dear Students, Parents, East Brunswick Community Members:

The NJSIAA and member schools are unified in enforcing a safe and positive environment for our student-athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators. Athletics are intended to be a rewarding experience, designed to teach sportsmanship to all participants. There is no place in interscholastic athletics for negative, inappropriate, or derogatory comments or behaviors. Any spectator demonstrating unsportsmanlike behavior will be addressed by officials, school supervisors, administrators, or site staff and may be immediately ejected from the event. Ejected spectators may be prohibited from attending future interscholastic contests based on their behavior. The minimum applicable penalties are set forth below.

We are asking for your support in providing positive role-modeling for our student-athletes. The involvement of our students in athletics and activities contributes to their development of lifelong values. Trustworthiness, citizenship, caring, fairness, and respect are lifetime values that are taught through interscholastic activities and are principles of good sportsmanship and character. With these principles, the spirit of competition thrives, fueled by honest rivalry, courteous relations and graceful acceptance of the results.

Spectators are expected to exhibit and maintain appropriate, sportsmanlike behavior at all times during interscholastic events, in order to model such appropriate behavior for our student-athletes and support the District's efforts to ensure a safe and positive environment for students, coaches, officials, and other spectators.

We have made a commitment to promote good sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches, and spectators at all athletic events. Thank you for your cooperation in the promotion of good sportsmanship!

Appropriate Behaviors

- Spectators will show good sportsmanship and respect to all coaches, players, officials and other spectators at all times.
- Spectators are encouraged to cheer with positive encouragement.

- Cheer with appropriate language.
- Welcoming attitude to all fans and visitors.
- Treat everyone fairly regardless of race, gender, ethnic origin, religion, or sexual orientation.
- Maintain self control at all times.
- Adhere to instructions by teachers, security, , police, and other authorized personnel.

Inappropriate Behaviors

- Disruptive or unruly behavior.
- Foul and abusive language or obscene gestures.
- Arguing with officials, coaches and other parents or other team players
- Use of tobacco or alcohol.
- Spectators are not allowed on playing surfaces at any time.
- physical altercation with an official, coach, player, or spectator, before during, or after an interscholastic event; and use of artificial noisemakers or other instruments intended to disrupt the interscholastic event or distract the participants during an interscholastic event.
- Any other actions deemed to be inappropriate towards players, coaches, officials, or other fans or participants at the event.

<u>Please note:</u> If a spectator/student/parent is reported to have been removed from an away event, the following penalties may still be enforced. Consequences for East Brunswick students may differ from those outlined below. The conversation at the time of the incident serves as verbal notification of the upcoming penalties.

Fans who display unacceptable behaviors will be subject to disciplinary action that includes the following:

1st Offense:

- Required meeting with athletic director and principal.
- 2 week suspension from all home athletic events.
- Parent/Guardian/Spectator will be required to take at least one of the specified NFHS Courses included, but not limited to: Sportsmanship; Positive Parenting within School Programs; The Parent Seat; Teaching and Modeling Behavior. The certificate of completion must be submitted to the Athletic Director before being permitted back at home events.

2nd Offense:

- Spectator will be removed from all athletic events for the remainder of the current season.

3rd Offense

- Spectator will be removed from all athletic events for the entire year.